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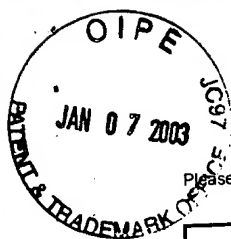
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment. This communication is being filed within three (3) months of the mailing date of the Office Action. Accordingly, no fees are due with this Response. In the event that the Commissioner determines a fee is due, it may be charged to PTO Deposit Account 141449, and referencing attorney docket no. 101997-5.

In the Claims

Please replace claims 1, 6, 8, 9, and 14 with the following clean version. For the Examiner's convenience a complete set of the claims are presented, followed by a marked-up version of the amended claims, showing the revisions.



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